



On Tuesday, May 1, 2007, the City of Houston Bikeway Program will join with Texas Southern University to break ground on the new Columbia Tap Rails to Trails greenway. The greenway will provide a linear park with a multi-use trail along the abandoned railway corridor. The trail will reach from the bike route on Dixie Drive to the bike lanes on Polk Street, making connections to the trail on Brays Bayou, and the bike route on Alabama and McGowen. The trail also includes a bicycle and pedestrian bridge across the 288 freeway and across Brays Bayou.

The groundbreaking will kick off the Bike Month celebration in Houston. Bike Month is a national event to increase cycling awareness. The event will be held at TSU and the rail corridor off of Wheeler, at 10:30 am. The event will include a bike ride to the event and the participation of the TSU marching band.

Scheduled speakers include Council Member Carol Alvarado, TSU interim president J. Timothy Boddie, Jr., Adrian Collins representing Senator Rodney Ellis and Michael S. Marcotte, P. E., DEE, director of the Public Works and Engineering Department. For more information visit www.houstonbikeways.org or call the Houston Bikeway Program at (713) 837-0003.